

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

August 22, 2019, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

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AGENDA

Thursday, August 22, 2019, Board Meeting 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chair
2. Approval of Minutes ACTION
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chair
3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chair
Bighorn Sheep MOU Report – Jace Taylor
4. DWR Update INFORMATION
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director
5. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2019-2020 ACTION
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator
6. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2019-2020 ACTION
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator
7. Expo Permit Audit ACTION
– Sarah Scott, Financial Manager
8. Expo Permit Allocation ACTION
– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief
9. Wildlife Board Appeal – Erik VanWoerkum – **1:00 pm time certain** ACTION
– Greg Hansen, Asst. Attorney General
10. Other Business CONTINGENT
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chair

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the August 22, 2019 meeting.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2019-2020 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2019-2020 as presented and move to a three-year management plan.

4) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2019-2020 (**Action**)

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MOTION: I move that the Southwest Manti unit remain a split season and keep the permit numbers at 18.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bret Selman and passed 3:2. Karl Hirst and Randy Dearth opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the RACs recommendation to increase the permit numbers to 26 on the Southeast Manti unit.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 4:1. Bret Selman opposed.

MOTION: I move that we increase the permit numbers to 12 on the Oquirrh-Stansbury West and keep it as a harvest objective.

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5) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

6) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

7) Wildlife Board Appeal – Erik VanWoerkum – 1:00 pm time certain (**Action**)

In the appeal proceeding of Erik VanWoerkum, the Wildlife Board unanimously finds the 24-month suspension period warranted.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Byron Bateman – Chair <i>excused</i>	Karl Hirst
Kevin Albrecht – Vice-Chair	Donnie Hunter
Mike Fowlks – Exec Secretary	Randy Dearth
	Wade Heaton
	Bret Selman

RAC Chairs

Central – Brock McMillan
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – Todd Thorne
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Justin Oliver

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Paul Gedge	Dax Mangus	Chris Vanheusen
Ashley Green	Amy Canning	Randy Wood	Ben Nadolski
Robin Cahoon	Staci Coons	Riley Peck	Wyatt Bubak
Jason Vernon	Thu Vo-Wood	Guy Wallace	Jim Christensen
Miles Hanberg	Greg Hansen	Teresa Griffin	Rusty Robinson
Chris Wood	Marty Bushman	J Shirley	Chad Bettridge
Justin Dolling	Faith Jolley	Matt Brigss	Phil Gray
Kevin Bunnell	Lindy Varney	Roger Kerstetter	Josee Seamons
Rick Olson	Anita Candelaria	Dave Beveridge	Doug Messerly
Justin Shannon	Jace Taylor	Paul Washburn	Jerry Schlappi
Kenny Johnson	Darren DeBloois	Bryan Clyde	Krystal Tucker
Rory Reynolds	Sarah Scott	Linda Braithwaite	

Public Present

Josh Horrocks	Ken Strong	Troy Justensen – SFW
Jake Rees	Jamie Newman	Sierra Nelson – Utah Woolgrowers Association
Braydee Richmond	Jared Ziernberg	Spencer Givens – Utah Farm Bureau
Karl Hime	Scott Stubbs	Sundays Hunt – Humane Society
Dave Case	Brett Behling	Miles Moretti – MDF
Westin Salmon	Spencer Gibbons	Cory Huntsman – UHA
Chad Salmon	John Ziegler	
Kelly Kreis	Wade Garrett	
David Earl	Becky Wood	
Jean Tabin	Kevin Norman	
Paul Zuckerman	Sonceria Zuckerman	
Kevin Adamson	David Adamson	
Matthew Mehr	Janna Adamson	Thomas Gounder
Erik VanWoerkum	Jehessa VanWoerkum	Linda Dearth
Thom Gover	Blake Hamilton	Cassity Sparks
Eli Gordon	Ashley Gregson	Jordan Sparks

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- 00:00:07** Vice-Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, and excused Chairman Bateman from the meeting. The Board introduced themselves.
- 00:02:09** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the August 22, 2019 meeting.
- 00:02:39** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
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- 00:03:05** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
Jace Taylor updated the Board on the Bighorn Sheep MOU.
- 00:05:01** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Mike Fowlks updated the Board on Division programs, events, staffing, permit numbers, and mule deer plan.
RAC chairs introduced themselves. Vice-chair Albrecht explained the board process before proceeding.
- 00:11:21** **5) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2019-2020 (Action)**
Darren DeBloois presented the recommendations.
Vice-Chair further explained the procedure and processes for the meeting.
- 00:18:51** **Board/RAC Questions**
The board inquired about bobcat check-in location, the fluctuation in harvest percentages, reporting cycle, and season adjustments.
- 00:21:49** **RAC Recommendations**
All RACs unanimously passed the recommendation.
- 00:22:34** **Board Discussion**
The Board discussed the three-year management plan and how the Division would proceed in its update to the Board, and season adjustments and how it affects hunts.

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00:26:54 6) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2019-2020 (Action)

Darren DeBlois presented the recommendations and amendments.

01:03:56 Board/RAC Questions

The board inquired about the Book Cliffs, Oquirrh-Stansbury East, and Paunsaugant units and the three-year recommendation cycle.

01:13:41 RAC Recommendations

Each RAC passed the cougar recommendations and rule amendments with varying dissent and stipulations.

01:23:04 Public Comments

Public comments accepted.

01:56:03 Division Clarification

Darren DeBlois made some clarifications to the public comments. Vice-chair Albrecht asked Brock McMillan for input on CWD issues.

01:59:56 Board Discussion

Karl Hirst summarized the public and RAC recommendations. The Board discussed predator management and population growth.

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02:45:33 7) Expo Permit Audit (Action)

Sarah Scott presented the audit.

02:56:14 Board Questions

Karl Hirst complimented the Division on the report compilation. Randy Dearth asked about the increase in non-resident numbers.

02:57:52 Public Comments

Public comments accepted.

03:02:41 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

03:03:00 8) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)

Justin Shannon presented the allocation.

03:04:27 Board Questions

Karl Hirst asked about tag allocations.

03:05:17 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

03:06:02 LUNCH

04:03:28 9) Wildlife Board Appeal – Erik VanWoerkum – 1:00 pm time certain (Action)

Vice-Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order, made introductions, and summarized the process, procedure, and limitations of the proceeding.

Opposing council noted a potential conflict of interest with board member Karl Hirst. After discussing the matter, the Board agreed to keep Karl Hirst on the appeal process.

Greg Hansen represented the Division in the appeal proceeding. He explained the proceeding is a de novo hearing – starting over to rebuild the case before the Board.

09:16:08 Board Deliberation

10:48:18 Board Decision

In the appeal proceeding of Erik VanWoerkum, the Wildlife Board unanimously finds the 24-month suspension period warranted.

10) Other Business (Contingent)

None

10:48:50 Meeting adjourned.